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SUBJ: US/VN RELATIONS: VU HOANG REPLY TO
SIEVERTS'S LETTER

REF: PARIS 10711

1. SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH CAME TO EMBASSY AT
1130 APRIL 21 TO DELIVER AN APRIL 19, 1977 LETTER FROM
VU HOANG TO FRANK SIEVERTS IN REPLY TO THE LATTER'S
APRIL 6 LETTER. THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE LETTER IS
CONTAINED IN PARA 2. THE VIETNAMESE TEXT IS BEING
POUCHED TO SIEVERTS ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE SRV EMBASSY
APRIL 21 COVERING NOTE.

2. "HA NOI, APRIL 19, 1977.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER SENT TO ME BY CARE OF
THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IN
PARIS ON APRIL 13 1977.

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I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU THE FOLLOWING REPLY
REGARDING THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER.

1) - AS REGARDS THE CASE THE REMAINS OF EATON
CURTIS WHICH THE US CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY IN
HAWII CONSIDERED TO BE THE REMAINS OF A VIETNAMESE, OUR
OFFICE HAS GOT CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND A

VERIFICATION IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THIS CONNECTION.
WHEN ANY RESULT IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE RAPIDLY
COMMUNICATED TO YOU. PENDING THIS, THE US SIDE IS
REQUESTED TO TEMPORARILY KEEP IN HAWAII THE REMAINS
WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THOSE OF A VIETNAMESE; IF IT
IS REALLY A MISTAKE, WE WOULD REQUEST THE US SIDE TO FLY
IT BACK TO VIET NAM ABOARD ANY US PLANE WHICH WILL CARRY
HOME THE REMAINS OF US PERSONNEL.

2) - AS REGARDS THE CASE WHICH THE US SAID TO BE
A MISTAKE OF THE REMAINS OF GOLBERG LAWRENCE H. FOR
THOSE OF ANOTHER AMERICAN CALLED WYNE PATRICK E. WHO
HAD BEEN ON BOARD THE SAME AIRCRAFT WITH GOLBERG
LAWRENCE H. WHEN IT WAS SHOT DOWN, A VERIFICATION IS
BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA WHERE THE AIRCRAFT WAS
BROUGHT DOWN. IF THE US SIDE HAS ANY SPECIFIC
INFORMATIONS ABOUT THIS CASE, IT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
US WITH SUCH INFORMATION.

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3) - AS REGARDS THE CASE OF TUCKER GOUGELMANN WHO
DIED ON JUNE 23, 1976 OF MITRAL INSUFFICIENCY AND
DIARRHEOA IN HO CHI MINH CITY, WE ARE GETTING TOUCH WITH
THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR PREPARATION OF THE EXHUMATION
OF HIS REMAINS. IF THERE IS NO OBSTACLE IN THE HYGIENE
FIELD AND WHEN THE EXHUMATION IS COMPLETED, WE WILL
INFORM THE US SIDE TO RECEIVE THE REMAINS.

4) - AS REGARDS THE 7 CASES OF WHICH YOU HAVE SENT

FILES AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION, THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM OFFICE IN CHARGE OF SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONNEL MISSING IN THE WAR WILL, ON RECEIPT OF THESE FILES FROM PARIS, BEGIN ITS INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH. WHEN ANY RESULT IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU.

5) - WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE FOUND THE REMAINS OF LIEUTENANT FRYER BENNIE LAMAR OF THE US AIR FORCE, SERIAL NUMBER 562682926 WHO DIED ON DECEMBER 26, 1972 WHEN THE B 52G AIRCRAFT PILOTED BY HIM WAS SHOT DOWN IN HA NOI.

PLEASE ACCEPT, DEAR SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

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VU HOANG
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE S.R.V.N. OFFICE
IN CHARGE OF SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT
PERSONNEL MISSING IN THE WAR.

TO MR. FRANK SIEVERTS
U.S. STATES DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON D.C.
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